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Subject: FW: stop arm cameras on school buses

I received this email today from George Govignon, attorney for the City of Calhoun. I attended a meeting several weeks ago with Chief Moss and Mr. Govignon to see a presentation made by this company. At the meeting, I asked numerous questions concerning state law, how this program operates as a civil matter, and the impact of such a program on our citizens. In my capacity as Municipal Court Judge, I hear these types of cases on a regular basis. After our meeting, Mr. Govignon reported to the City Council about the program, and it is my understanding from Mr. Govignon that the Calhoun City Council has some questions about this matter and is not sure how they will proceed. Mr. Govignon had been told that the company was coming to our meeting today and he sent me the attached link concerning red light cameras. I am forwarding it to you for informational purposes.

After receiving this email, I also contacted Judge Parker with the Probate Court. The representative from the company did speak with him about this topic, but he too has some questions and concerns. He indicated that he would communicate those issues to you. Please let me know if you have any questions. – Suzanne

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Just a quick FYI -- The sales agent for the company is apparently on the agenda today to meet and present to the county commission, after having already met with the Sheriff. It's curious as to why they are meeting with them when the County Schools, unlike the City, can contract for these services without the commissioners. Also, the Probate Judge has not been involved at this point.

It was interesting to note that the Today Show on NBC this morning featured a story about the backlash and possible abuse associated with the "fundraising" aspects of traffic signal cameras. The story was quick to point out that the primary use of the funds created by offenses is the funding of the private providers. Here is the link <http://openchannel.nbcnews.com/news/2013/02/19/17010355-lights-cameras-reaction-resistance-builds-against-red-light-cameras?lite>

